

1 3. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [claim 1 or 2, characterised in that] claim
2 1, wherein a thin layer of chromium (Cr₁) is applied during [said] the treatment, to improve
3 adhesion of the subsequent depositions.

1 4. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [claim 1 or 2, characterised in that] claim
2 1, wherein said proximal joint end is subjected to polishing.

1 5. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [one of the preceding claims, characterised
2 in that] claim 1, wherein said end is shaped with different angles and geometry.

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice or disclaimer:

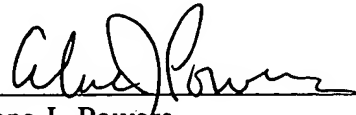
~~Please cancel claim 6.~~

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to correct the improper multiple dependency of claims as originally filed and to place the claims in proper format.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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